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Amendments to the Specification:

1. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

When amyloidogenic light chain (LC) fails to fold properly it is dislocated out of the endoplasmic rediculum reticulum to the cytosol where two linked coping mechanisms are present. While much of the expelled light chain is degraded by proteasomes, another fraction of the light chain aggregates. The inventors found that the introduction of a specific peptide into the cell inhibits aggregation and increases the efficiency of LC degradation.